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SUBJ: PRESS GUIDANCE ON POSTPONEMENT OF JOINT COMMITTEE MEETINGS

REF: STATE 64356, STATE 61191, STATE 55647, MOSCOW 3657

1. EMBASSY ON MARCH 16 RECEIVED NUMEROUS PRESS INQUIREIS
(AP, UPI, REUTERS, AFP, ABC AND CBS) REGARDING WASHINGTON
POST STORY ON POSTPONEMENT OF MEETINGS.

2. DRAWING ON DEPARTMENT GUIDANCE PROVIDED IN STATE 61191
AND STATE 55647, EMBASSY SPOKESMAN SAID THAT MEETINGS
WERE POSTPONED "PERHAPS TO SECOND HALF OF YEAR" WHICH WOULD
ALLOW MORE TIME FOR PREPARATORY WORK." REUTERS PARAPHRASE
OF EMBASSY STATEMENT PER PARA 4 STATE 64356 IS ACCURATE.

3. EMBASSY SPOKESMAN DID NOT RPT STATE THAT "ONLY" REASON
FOR POSTPONEMENT WAS FOR FURTHER PREPARATIONS. IN FACT,
WHEN PRESSED EMBASSY SPOKESMAN INFORMED PRESS ON BACKGROUND
THAT US CONSIDERATIONS FOR POSTPONEMENTS WENT BEYOND THE
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AGREEMENTS THEMSELVES, BUT THAT EMBASSY BELIEVED SPOKESMEN

IN WASHINGTON WOULD BE IN BETTER POSITION TO RESPOND TO QUESTIONS CONCERNING BROADER IMPLICATIONS OF POSTPONEMENTS. IN LIGHT OF "POST" STORY, EMBASSY EXPRESSED EXPECTATION THAT SUBJECT WOULD BE RAISED IN WASHINGTON PRESS BRIEFINGS, ALTHOUGH WE NOT AWARE THAT ANNOUNCEMENT WAS PLANNED.

3. WE CONTINUE TO RECEIVE PRESS QUESTIONS ON: A) WHAT US HOPED TO ACCOMPLISH BY POSTPONEMENTS; B) ANTICIPATED SOVIET RESPONSE TO US ACTIONS; AND C) POSSIBLE FURTHER US ACTIONS.

4. REQUEST FULL TEXT OF TRANSCRIPT ASAP.

5. FYI: MFA PRESS OFFICIAL REPLIED "NO COMMENT" TO US CORRESPONDENT'S REQUEST FOR SOVIET REACTION TO POSTPONEMENTS.
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